

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A tray for holding one or more surgical fasteners, the tray comprising a base have at least one well therein, one of the surgical fasteners within the base and a film over the base and the well.

2. A tray according to claim 1 and further comprising a weakness in the film over the well whereby to more easily allow an instrument to penetrate the film and enter the well.

3. A tray according to claim 2 wherein the weakness comprises scoring of the film.

4. A tray according to claim 1 and further comprising an opening in the film over the well whereby to more easily allow an instrument to penetrate the film and enter the well.

5. A tray according to claim 4 wherein the opening comprises a slit.

6. A tray according to claim 1 and further comprising ingress means on the film over the well to allow an instrument to penetrate the film and enter the well.

7. A tray according to claim 1 wherein the well and the surgical fastener are sterile.

8. A method of holding surgical fasteners comprising the steps of:

providing a tray having a base with at least one well therein;

providing one of the surgical fasteners in the well; and covering the well with a film.

9. A method according to claim 8 and further comprising the steps of penetrating the film with an instrument and removing the fastener from the well with the instrument.

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10. A method according to claim 9 and further comprising the step of modifying the film over the well to ease the ability of the instrument to penetrate the well.

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11. A method according to claim 10 wherein the step of modifying the film over the well to ease the ability of the instrument to penetrate the well comprises providing a weakness in the film.

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12. A method according to claim 11 wherein the weakness comprises scoring the film.

13. A method according to claim 10 wherein the step of modifying the film over the well to ease the ability of the instrument to penetrate the well comprises providing an opening in the film.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein the opening comprises a slit.

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15. A method according to claim 9 wherein the well and the surgical fastener are sterile.

16. A method according to claim 9 wherein the instrument is an applier for applying the surgical fastener.

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